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Sen. Gilbert issues statement on governor's veto of water monitoring funds

LANSING – Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, issued the following statement after learning the governor vetoed \$250,000 from the Department of Environmental Quality budget that would have gone toward a real-time water-quality monitoring program in the St. Clair River:

“The governor’s veto severely harms our efforts to keep the public safe and is a serious disappointment. It is obvious that the governor does not take seriously the threat that chemical spills pose to the environment or the health and safety of our residents. With the high number of chemical spills that occur in our local waters, it is imperative that we have a system to monitor the water and alert authorities in the event of contamination. Keeping our citizens and environment safe is of utmost importance. This funding would have greatly contributed to that effort.”

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